

January – March 2022

EVENTS IN PROGRESS/UPCOMING	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	COMPLETED EVENTS
DOE 90-Day Comment Period (Nov. 5 – Feb. 2) Draft WIR Evaluation for Test Bed Initiative The Draft WIR Evaluation analyzes whether treated waste out of tank SY-101 meets the criteria in DOE M 435.1-1 (<i>Radioactive Waste Management Manual</i>), is incidental to the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, and may be managed as low-level radioactive waste and disposed of in an offsite licensed disposal facility in the future; Nov. 18 virtual public meeting.				Ecology 45-day Comment Period (Sept. 13 – Oct. 28) Integrated Disposal Facility Permit Modification
DOE 60-Day Comment Period (Dec. 7 – Feb. 11) 400 Area WMU Class 2 Permit Modification This proposed permit modification is required to remove reference to the FFTF fire alarm system, which no longer provides alarms for the 400 Area WMU; Jan. 11 virtual public meeting				DOE (Oct. 19 – Nov. 22) Hanford Five Year Plan Outlines the cleanup work to be completed during fiscal years 2022 to 2026.
Ecology 30-Day Comment Period (Jan. 31 – Mar. 2) State Waste Discharge Permit ST4502 renewal Permit draft permit renewal is for the ST4502 200 area TEDF.				DOE 60-Day Comment Period (Oct. 5 – Dec. 17) WTP Chapter 6A Inspection Plan Class 2 Permit Modification
				DOE 60-Day Comment Period (Oct. 26 – Dec. 27) LERF ETF Class 2 Permit Modification

◇ Denotes Meeting

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RCRA ACTIVITY

CERCLA ACTIVITY

STATE WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT ACTIVITY

TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT ACTIVITY

WIR PROCESS ACTIVITY

OTHER

For more detailed information on Hanford public involvement activities, please visit the [Public Involvement Opportunities](#) website.

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Category	January-March	April-June	July-September
Hanford Advisory Board (HAB)	Jan. 19, Full Board Invited (tent) Feb. 7-10, Committee Week (tent) March 23-24, Full Board (tent)	April 11-14, Committee Week (tent) May 17, Committee of the Whole (tent) May 18-19, Leadership Workshop (tent) June 22-23 Full Board (tent)	Aug. 8-11, Committee Week (tent) Sept. 21-22 Full Board (tent)

HANFORD REGULATORY PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (PI)

Regulation	RCRA *	CERCLA **	Tri-Party Agreement	WIR Evaluation ^^^
What does it do?	Regulates cleanup of hazardous and mixed (hazardous and radioactive) waste~	Authorizes and regulates cleanup of hazardous waste sites	Guiding document for Hanford cleanup	Determines if waste pretreated to remove as much radioactivity as feasible meets NRC criteria for treatment and disposal as low-level waste.
Who is the lead regulatory agency?	WA Department of Ecology	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	All three agencies negotiate TPA changes	DOE
What are the PI opportunities?	Hanford permit actions	Proposed Plans on remedial actions and EE/CAs^ for removal actions	"Significant" changes to the TPA require public comment period	Comment period and public meeting(s)
How long are the comment periods^^?	60 days (Class 2) 60 days + 45 days (Class 3)***	30 days	45 days	Not required. If held, typically 90-120 days
Is a public meeting required?	Yes	No (can be requested)	No (can be requested)	No (typically hold 2-3)
Do the agencies issue a formal response to comments received?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Ecology is authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal hazardous waste rules in Washington, where they are called the [Dangerous Waste Regulations](#).

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (aka Superfund)

***Class 3 permit changes require two comment periods. The first is held by the U.S. Department of Energy (permittee) on the permit application/modification request; the second is held by Ecology on the permitting decision.

~Hazardous/Mixed Waste – Hazardous waste is (non-radioactive) waste that is dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. Hazardous wastes can be liquids, solids, gases, or sludges. Hazardous waste comingled with waste containing radioactive constituents is called mixed waste. Hazardous and mixed waste are managed under RCRA.

^Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis – The purpose of an EE/CA is to summarize cleanup alternatives for waste sites under a "non-time critical" removal action and recommend one of the alternatives. It is similar to a CERCLA proposed plan for a remedial action.

^^Public comment periods may be extended upon request.

^^^Under [DOE Manual 435.1-1](#), DOE may determine that certain waste is non-high-level waste and is waste incidental to reprocessing (WIR) using two processes – Citation or Evaluation. Reprocessing waste that is determined to be WIR is managed per the DOE requirements for low-level waste in Chapter IV of the Manual. Determinations are supported by radiological risk analyses, called Performance Assessments.

